

OPINION 1834

Fursenkoina Loeblich & Tappan, 1961 (Foraminiferida): conserved

Keywords. Nomenclature; taxonomy; Foraminiferida; *Fursenkoina*.

Ruling

(1) Under the plenary powers the name *Cassidella* Hofker, 1953 is hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Principle of Priority but not for those of the Principle of Homonymy.

(2) The name *Fursenkoina* Loeblich & Tappan, 1961 (gender: feminine), type species by monotypy of the replaced nominal genus *Virgulina* d'Orbigny, 1826, *Virgulina squamosa* d'Orbigny, 1826, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology.

(3) The name *squamosa* d'Orbigny, 1826, as published in the binomen *Virgulina squamosa* and as defined by the neotype (specimen no. P 52796 in the Micropalaeontology Collections in the Natural History Museum, London) designated by Revets (1995) (specific name of the type species of *Fursenkoina* Loeblich & Tappan, 1961), is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.

(4) The name *Cassidella* Hofker, 1953, as suppressed in (1) above, is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Generic Names in Zoology.

History of Case 2809

An application for the conservation of the generic name *Fursenkoina* Loeblich & Tappan, 1961 was received from Dr Stefan A. Revets (*The University of Western Australia, Perth, Australia*) on 15 February 1991. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 51: 98–101 (June 1994). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals.

A comment in support from Prof John R. Haynes (*Institute of Earth Studies, University of Wales, Aberystwyth, Dyfed, Wales, U.K.*) was published in BZN 52: 175 (June 1995).

It was noted on the voting paper that support had also been received from Dr Fred Rögl (*Naturhistorisches Museum, Vienna, Austria*), who wrote: 'I think there is a clear case for those of us working with Foraminiferida to keep the genus *Fursenkoina*'.

Publication of Dr Revets's paper in the *Bulletin of the Natural History Museum, London* (Geology), in which he intended (para. 9(3) of the application) to designate a neotype for *Virgulina squamosa* d'Orbigny, 1826, the type species of *Fursenkoina* Loeblich & Tappan, 1961, was delayed. Dr Revets therefore described and designated the neotype in BZN 52: 176 (June 1995).

Decision of the Commission

On 1 December 1995 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 51: 100–101. At the close of the voting period on 1 March 1996 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 26: Bayer, Bock, Bouchet, Cocks, Cogger, Corliss, Dupuis, Hahn, Halvorsen, Heppell, Holthuis, Kabata, Kraus, Lehtinen, Macpherson, Mahnert, Martins de Souza, Minelli, Nielsen, Nye, Ride, Savage, Schuster, Starobogatov, Štys, Trjapitzin

Negative votes — none.

Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on Official Lists and an Official Index by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

Cassidella Hofker, 1953, *The Micropaleontologist*, **7**(1): 26.

Fursenkoina Loeblich & Tappan, 1961, *Journal of Paleontology*, **35**: 314.

squamosa, *Virgulina*, d'Orbigny, 1826, *Annales des Sciences Naturelles*, **7**: 267.

Virgulina d'Orbigny, 1826, *Annales des Sciences Naturelles*, **7**: 267.

The following is the reference for the designation of the neotype of *Virgulina squamosa* d'Orbigny, 1826:

Revets, S.A. 1995. BZN **52**: 176.